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4 May 1962

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Biographic Register, OCR

SUBJECT:

Distribution of Information on Bloc Scientific Meetings

25X1A 1. I am attaching herewith a memorandum received from Mr. Jones, Acting Director of the Soviet and Eastern European Exchanges Staff, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State, which I believe is self-explanatory. I have also discussed this briefly with [REDACTED] of your office.

2. In accordance with DCID #2/6, the USIB Committee on Exchanges is responsible for providing the Department of State with assistance and advice in implementing exchanges with the Soviet Bloc. One major difficulty in maintaining reciprocity with the Soviet Union in connection with conference attendance is the meager information available on conferences scheduled in the Soviet Union. This is particularly true with regard to the general public, and the material developed by you in this field would be a major addition to what is normally available. Accordingly, we would appreciate your careful consideration of this State Department request, and will be happy to discuss it with you at your convenience if you consider such discussion useful.

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Executive Secretary
USIB Committee on Exchanges

Enc.-As described above

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Executive Secretary
USIB Committee on Exchanges

FROM: EUR/SES - Ralph A. Jones, Acting Director

SUBJECT: Distribution of Information on Bloc Scientific Meetings

Further to your recent conversations with Mr. McVickar, I would appreciate it if you would explore the possibility of having specially printed on a regular (probably quarterly) basis, lists of scientific and technical meetings and similar events which are understood to be scheduled within the Soviet Bloc. I have in mind an unclassified version of the listing such as that contained in the Agency's CR-C-3,802,412, classified Confidential, of February 10, 1961.

In view of the sparsity of information publicly available regarding such conferences, especially those which are not meetings of international organizations, it seems to me that we would be doing our side a considerable service if such a listing could be made regularly available to a mailing list consisting, say, of the principal professional societies and associations, and certain of the major universities, scientific institutions and foundations. It seems to me that it could possibly be done by printing a "sanitized" version of the Agency's own classified list in sufficient quantity for the mailing list. I think that actual preparation of the list on a regular basis from Agency material is more than this office could or should properly undertake, but we would be glad to cooperate with the Agency in the mailing, if considered desirable, and in the management of the mailing list. Alternatively, the list could be used as one of the regular enclosures to letters from this office to persons and organizations interested in this aspect of the exchange program. I would estimate that 40-50 copies would be adequate to start with.

I would be glad to discuss this matter with you at an early opportunity.

Copies to: SOV - Mr. Barnes
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TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE 4 May 1962
TO: [REDACTED]		
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REMARKS: <p>Per our telephone conversation of 2 May 1962, I am also attaching a copy of the Exchange Agreement. Note Section II (2)(a).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATINTL</p>		
FROM: [REDACTED]		
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